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1. DURING LUNCH FEB 18 WITH FOREIGN MINISTER FRYDENLUND HE
OUTLINED NORWEGIAN REPLY TO JOINT US-UK LETTER ON ZIMBABWE
DEVELOPMENT FUND PROPOSAL AND GAVE ME PROMEMORIA ON SUBJECT.

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HE HAS GIVEN SIMILAR REPLY TO UK AMBASSADOR SCOTT IN OSLO.

2. SUBSTANCE OF GON ANSWER FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT:

THE NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT IS CONSIDERING THE BRITISH/

AMERICAN PROPOSAL ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A ZIMBABWE DEVELOPMENT FUND AND WOULD LIKE TO PRESENT THE FOLLOWING PRELIMINARY COMMENTS: THE GOVERNMENT HAS FOR MANY YEARS MAINTAINED CLOSE CONTACTS WITH THE VARIOUS LIBERATION MOVEMENTS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. THE GOVERNMENT HAS GIVEN A SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT OF FINANCIAL HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO THESE MOVEMENTS DURING THIS PERIOD. THE NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT SHALL CONTINUE THIS POLICY AND EVEN INCREASE ITS FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO LIBERATION MOVEMENTS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, INCLUDING THOSE WORKING FOR A FREE AND INDEPENDENT ZIMBABWE, IN THE 2 YEARS TO COME.

MEETINGS IN GENEVA IN NOVEMBER LAST YEAR GAVE OUR GOVERNMENT THE OPPORTUNITY TO OUTLINE THIS POLICY TO THE NATIONALIST LEADERS OF RHODESIA. DURING THESE MEETINGS FUTURE NORWEGIAN AID TO A FREE AND INDEPENDENT ZIMBABWE WAS ALSO DISCUSSED.

NORWAY HAS ALWAYS FAVOURED INCREASED WESTERN CONTACTS WITH THE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, AND WITH THE NEW STATES AFTER GAINING INDEPENDENCE. CONSEQUENTLY THE NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT CONSIDERS YOUR PROPOSAL FOR A ZIMBABWE DEVELOPMENT FUND AS A CONCRETE EXPRESSION OF THE WILLINGNESS OF YOUR GOVERNMENT TO ACCELERATE A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT IN RHODESIA AND CONTRIBUTE TO THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF ZIMBABWE IN CLOSE COOPERATION WITH THE INTERIM AND THE FUTURE MAJORITY GOVERNMENTS OF THAT COUNTRY.

AS OUTLINED IN THE BEGINNING OF THIS PROMEMORIA THE NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT HAS ALREADY INDICATED ITS READINESS TO CONTRIBUTE GENEROUSLY TO THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF ZIMBABWE IN TALKS WITH THE NATIONALIST LEADERS OF RHODESIA. WE BELIEVE THAT THIS ASSISTANCE CAN BE COORDINATED WITH THE OPERATIONS OF THE PROPOSED ZIMBABWE DEVELOPMENT FUND

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PROVIDED THAT THIS FUND AND ITS PURPOSE ARE ACCEPTED BY ALL PARTIES CONCERNED, INCLUDING THE NATIONALIST LEADERS OF RHODESIA AS THE FUTURE LEADERS OF ZIMBABWE.

AS THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF RHODESIA APPEARS TO BE CLOSELY UNITED TO THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEIGHBORING AFRICAN STATES, THE FUND AS PROPOSED OUGHT TO GO INTO OPERATION WITH THEIR UNDERSTANDING AS WELL.

FURTHERMORE, I WOULD LIKE TO MENTION THAT FUNDS ALLOCATED FOR DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE BY OUR PARLIAMENT OUGHT TO COMPLY WITH THE FINANCIAL RULES AND REGULATIONS TO WHICH SUCH ASSISTANCE IS SUBJECTED, INTER ALIA, NORWEGIAN CONTROL IN CONJUNCTION WITH AUTHORITIES OF THE RECIPIENT COUNTRY CONCERNING POLICY DECISIONS RELATED TO THE USE OF THESE RESOURCES.

ALTHOUGH THE NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT WOULD FAVOUR IN PRINCIPLE AN INTERNATIONAL COORDINATED EFFORT IN RHODESIA AS OUTLINED, WE WOULD LIKE TO AWAIT FURTHER INFORMATION BASED ON YOUR ONGOING CONSULTATIONS WITH THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE VARIOUS POPULATION GROUPS IN RHODESIA AS REGARDS THEIR VIEWS ON THIS PROPOSAL BEFORE MAKING A DEFINITE COMMITMENT. IN THE MEANTIME

WE SHALL ALSO CONSULT OTHER NORDIC COUNTRIES, WHICH YOU HAVE
CONTACTED IN THIS MATTER. END OF TEXT.
ANDERS

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